

### REMARKS

The following amendments and remarks add no new matter to the specification.

#### (4) Rejections under 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 27-35 and 38-47 have been rejected under 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. Claims 27-35 and 38-47 have been canceled, so the rejection can be withdrawn.

#### (6) Rejection under 35 USC § 102(a)

Claim 27 has been rejected under 35 USC § 102(a) as being anticipated by the admitted prior art. Claim 27 has been cancelled, so the rejection can be withdrawn.


#### (6-7) Rejections under 35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 27-35 and 38-47 have been rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Salvin et al. (US 5,501,942). Claims 27-35 and 38-47 have been canceled, so the rejections can be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that the forgoing Amendments and Remarks adequately and completely address each of the rejections raised by the Examiner and place the outstanding

claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request issuance of outstanding Claims 1-10, 13-26 and 48-49.

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